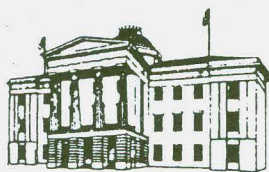


# State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE  
GOVERNOR

## CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

2012

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 2010, there were 468 homicides with 73 of those being domestic violence homicides, and 1,954 rapes in North Carolina, according to the Annual Summary Report of 2010 Uniform Crime Reporting Data – North Carolina Department of Justice – State Bureau of Investigation and the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and

WHEREAS, there were a total of 24,488 violent crimes committed in North Carolina in 2010, according to the Annual Summary Report of 2010 Uniform Crime Reporting Data – North Carolina Department of Justice – State Bureau of Investigation; and

WHEREAS, many suffer emotional, physical, psychological, and financial harm as a result of crime; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 22-28, 2012, provides an opportunity for our country to recognize the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) as a major bedrock of support for victim services and to reaffirm our state's and nation's commitment to addressing the needs of victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, victims and survivors of crime can gain strength from the wide range of supportive services offered by community- and justice system-based programs in North Carolina, including 78 rape crisis centers and 102 domestic violence service programs, according to the North Carolina Council for Women/Domestic Violence Commission; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina recognizes that the Victims of Crime Act, passed by Congress in 1984, affirmed a national commitment to helping victims rebuild their lives by establishing the Crime Victims Fund, a major source of funding for services and compensation to victims of crime throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Fund comprises fines and penalties levied on offenders and affirms the principle that those who commit crimes should be held accountable for their actions; and

WHEREAS, the Crime Victims Fund provides support to states for victim assistance and victim compensation programs, and VOCA funds support victim assistance programs in non-profit, law enforcement, and local and state government agencies throughout North Carolina through the Governor's Crime Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 22-28, 2012, to be "**CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK**" in North Carolina, and I urge all citizens to help victims of crime rebuild their lives through supportive services.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-second day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-sixth.